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1. SUMMARY. EMBOFF DISCUSSED REFTEL MATTERS WITH APPROPRIATE FONOFF OFFICIAL, WHO SUGGESTED DIPLOMATIC NOTE AS BEST ROUTE TO PRESENT US GRIEVANCES CONCERNING TRADE FAIRS TO NEWLY FORMED INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED TO REVIEW GOB PRACTICES AND REGULATIONS ON TRADE FAIRS IN BRAZIL. END SUMMARY.

2. ON MAY 28, EMBOFF DISCUSSED REFTEL MATTER WITH FONOFF OFFICIAL WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO RECENTLY FORMED INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY PRESENT GOB REGULATIONS AND PRACTICES WITH REGARD TO FOREIGN TRADE FAIRS IN BRAZIL. OFFICIAL SAID THAT THIS COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS MEMBERS FROM MINISTRIES OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, FINANCE, TRANSPORTATION, AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IS CHAIRED BY MINISTRY OF PLANNING. COMMITTEE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PRESENT CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS ON REVAMPING OF PRESENT PRACTICES AND REGULATIONS TO MINISTER OF FINANCE FOR "APPROPRIATE IMPLEMENTATION". COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ALLOTTED 60

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DAYS TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK, BUT OFFICIAL FELT THEY WOULD TAKE AT LEAST ONE MONTH MORE THAN THAT.

3. OFFICIAL SAIS THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE ANY ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN ON SPECIFIC PROBLEMS OR CONCERNING SPECIFIC COUNTRIES WHILE THIS COMMITTEE WAS PREPARING ITS STUDY. THUS, HE DID NOT THINK A REQUEST FOR SUCH ACTION WOULD BE LIKELY TO YIELD POSITIVE RESULTS. HOWEVER, HE SUGGESTED THAT A DIPLOMATIC NOTE OUTLINING THE PARTICULAR PROBLEMS U.S. EXHIBITORS HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN CONNECTION WITH TRADE FAIRS WOULD CERTAINLY BE TAKEN FULLY INTO CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE IN PREPARING THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. FONOFF OFFICIAL REFERRED TO THE JOINT-EC NOTE AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE SORT OF INPUT THAT WOULD BE MOST VALUABLE TO THE COMMITTEE IN ITS DELIBERATIONS.

4. OFFICIAL STATED THAT RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES BEING APPLIED BECAUSE OF BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS, SUCH AS C.D.I. DELAYS IN CLEARANCES, WOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED BY COMMITTEE, SINCE THESE PRACTICES WERE PART OF GENERAL GOB POLICY AND THEREFORE NOT THE COMMITTEE'S BAILIWICK.

5. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, BELIVE REFTEL PARAGRAPH THREE SUGGESTION OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE WOULD BE BEST ROUTE. EMBASSY WILL PRAPARE DRAFT NOTE FOR CONSIDERATION BY WASHINGTON AGENCIES.
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